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THURSDAY JANUARY 3RD 1912

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## THE REVOLUTION.

### IMPERIALISTS EVACUATE HANYANG.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 1.45 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Han-yang wires that the Imperialists have evacuated Hanyang. They took their batteries and entrained for the north. General Li Yuan-hung has promised not to occupy the positions vacated by the Imperialists. The armistice is now being observed. The previous fighting, it is stated, was not serious.—(Reuter).

### MINISTER FOR WAR.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.  
Wong Hing has notified the Governors General of the various provinces, that in future the vice-commander-in-chief will be styled Minister for War, and will be in command of the armies of the Republic.

### H.E. TANG RECALLED.

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has recalled H.E. Tang Shao-ji to Peking and has informed him that matters connected with the Peace Conference will be directly supervised by himself.

### YUAN'S IRRITATION.

H.E. Yuan has expressed himself as greatly annoyed at the action of the united provinces in electing a President, and wished at first to suspend peace negotiations.—"Sheung Po."

### NEW GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.  
Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the new President, has made a declaration to the effect that the policy of the new Government will be to federate the administration of the united provinces.

### TSUN'S NEW ARMY.

Prince Teai Tsui has mobilized a force of 20,000 men and will shortly leave for the front with his men.—"Sheung Po."

### TELEGRAMS.

#### LABOUR TROUBLES.

##### SEEKING A COMPROMISE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Durban, Jan. 4, 12.45 a.m.  
Sir G. R. Askwith has had long separate conferences with the masters and men in neighbouring rooms.—Reuter.

#### CONSOLS HARDEN.

##### RISE TO 775.8.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Bombay, Jan. 4, 7.25 a.m.  
Consols stand at 775.8. They hardened on the announcement that three millions sterling had been allotted to the Sinking Fund for 1911-12.—Reuter.

#### SCOTS SOLDIERS

##### MUTINY.

##### AMAZING AFFAIR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Bombay, Jan. 4, 7.25 a.m.  
Particulars have leaked out of a military riot, on New Year's Eve, at Longmoor Camp. Men belonging to certain Scottish infantry, enraged at the refusal to grant them a whole day's holiday on New Year's Day, assembled after "lights out," smashed their huts and stoned the officers' quarters.

The officers and non-commissioned officers turned out with overcoats over their pyjamas and the men formed a square.

#### SERGEANTS WOUNDED.

Some sergeants, in attempting to quiet matters, received bayonet wounds and one was shot. Eventually one of the officers, who is a noted boxer, challenged a representative of the men to single combat and a ring was formed.

The officer proved the victor and the men returned sullenly to their huts.

#### NO ARRESTS.

No arrests were made. The leaders were Scotsmen belonging to mounted infantry contingents which were in training at Longmoor.

The sergeants who were bayoneted received only flesh wounds, but the one who was shot is in a serious condition.—Reuter.

### TELEGRAMS.

#### AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

##### TAFT AND ROOSEVELT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Durban, Jan. 4, 12.45 a.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that President Taft indicated to visitors at White House yesterday that he does not intend to withdraw from the race for the Presidential nomination in favour of Mr. Roosevelt. Nothing but death, he declared would keep him out of the fight now.

The last word apparently refers to Mr. Roosevelt's attack on arbitration treaties.—Reuter.

#### LAWN TENNIS.

##### WRIGHT INDISPOSED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Durban, Jan. 4, 11 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Christchurch states that Brookes defeated McLoughlin 6-4, 3-6, 4-0, 6-3, 6-4. Heath had a walk-over owing to Wright being indisposed. Larmer has strained a tendon.—Reuter.

#### KING IN INDIA.

##### CALCUTTA RACES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Durban, Jan. 4, 11 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta states that Their Majesties attended the race meeting. The attendance was the largest ever seen on the race course and was especially enthusiastic. Mr. Galstau's Brogue won the King's Cup.—Reuter.

#### LADY OF THE LAMP.

##### MONEY FOR MEMORIAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban Jan. 3, 10.40 a.m.  
Sixty thousand pounds has been subscribed towards the Florence Nightingale Fund in London.—(Reuters).

### TELEGRAMS.

#### AUSTRALIAN AVIATION.

##### FIRST FLIGHTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Bombay, Jan. 4, 7.25 a.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says that on the opening of the new Aviation School, Mr. Hart, the first Australian pilot, made flights with the Postmaster-General, Mr. Thomas.—Reuter.

#### HOME RULE

##### ULSTER'S THREAT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Bombay, Jan. 4, 7.25 a.m.  
The Ulster Unionist Council have issued a manifesto to the effect that a Provisional Government will be constituted in Ulster in the event of Home Rule being granted. The most extreme measures will be resorted to in defence of Ulsterloyalist.—Reuter.

#### THAMES SHIPBUILDING

##### ADMIRALTY'S REPLY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban Jan. 3, 10.40 a.m.  
The Admiralty have replied to the Receiver's statement on January 2, and state that the tender of the Thames was £80,000 above the others. The acceptance was irreconcilable with the trifling administration of public funds. Unless some strong firm intervenes with a complete contract at ruling trade prices, the orders for the two cruisers must be given elsewhere.—(Reuters).

#### TOWARDS ARBITRATION.

##### NEW YEAR MESSAGES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban Jan. 3, 10.40 a.m.  
The "Arbitrator," the organ of the International Arbitration League publishes New Year Messages of goodwill from Germany, Lord Haldane, Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Right Hon. R. McKenna, Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, Right Hon. L. Samuel, Right Hon. J. D. French and Right Hon. Charles Hobson.—(Reuters).

### TELEGRAMS.

#### TURKEY'S TROUBLES.

##### MINISTRY RECONSTITUTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 1.45 p.m.  
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that the Ministry has been practically reconstituted on committee and union progress lines.—(Reuter)

#### GERMAN POLITICS

##### CHANCELLOR'S MANIFESTO.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 4 p.m.  
The German Chancellor in his election manifesto says—"We need, and the Reichstag is ready to continue the past economic policy and maintain the army and fleet at the highest efficiency; therefore the final subsection of the Socialists,

the solidarity of the people, is the life question of the Fatherland."—(Reuter).

#### MILITARY AEROPLANE.

##### FINE FLIGHTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 4 p.m.  
The new silent-military aeroplane during several flights at Aldershot travelled at sixty miles an hour.—(Reuter).

#### TEST CHICKET.

##### ENGLAND'S VICTORY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban, Jan. 3, 11.35 a.m.  
The weather was perfect when the match was continued. The pitch was not worn, and there was a large attendance. Australia scored 299 runs. Foster took 6 wickets for 91 runs. England scored 210 for two wickets and won by eight wickets.—(Reuter).

#### HOBBS SUPERB.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban, Jan. 3, 1.55 p.m.  
Hobbs scored 126 unfinished. The innings was superb and chanceless, and the score which was made in 207 minutes, included eight fours.—(Reuter).

### TELEGRAMS.

#### AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

##### A DISSOLUTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 1.45 p.m.  
Reuter's Adelaide correspondent states that the Premier of South Australia has obtained a dissolution owing to the Council's refusal to pass certain Government measures. The Opposition approved of an appeal to the country.—Reuter.

#### BADEN-POWELL'S TOUR.

##### A GREAT SEND-OFF.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Durban, Jan. 3, 11 p.m.  
Lt.-Gen. Sir R. S. S. Baden-Powell had a great send-off from Southampton this afternoon when he left for a long tour. He is to visit the West Indies, the United States, and Canada, and thence he is to proceed to Australasia and South Africa.

The tour is being taken to further the Boy Scouts movement. A mass of scouts lined the quayside as the Chief Scout was leaving.—Reuter.

#### TRANS-PERSIAN RAILWAY.

##### RAISING THE MONEY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 1.45 p.m.  
Reuter learns that a meeting of British, French and Russian banks will be held shortly in Paris to arrange the raising of £100,000 for the preliminary studies of the trans-Persian railway and to obtain the necessary concession from Persia, after definitely determining the alignment of the railway and making the final survey. Russia has promised to definitely support the scheme. The Indian Government stipulates that they may break the gauge wherever the railway reaches the limit of the British sphere.

#### ARTIFICIAL DIAMONDS.

The Berlin newspaper announce that a new process for the manufacture of artificial diamonds has been discovered by Dr. Werner von Bolton, a chemist in the Siemens-Halske Works there. The doctor observed that ordinary lighting gas decomposes when exposed to the vapour of mercury, and that if the gas is allowed to work on metallic amalgams of mercury the carbon contained in the gas is liberated in a non-crystallised form, and in crystals or diamonds. As the diamonds obtained were infinitesimal in size, diamond dust was placed in a tube in which gas was dissolved, to act as so-called mother crystals. The newly-formed crystals adhere to these, and the result is a larger but still very small stone. The amalgam used is sodium. It is placed in a glass tube containing a small quantity of diamond dust and lighting gas passed through the tube for four weeks. The invento is now engaged upon the problem of increasing the size of the stones.

### TELEGRAMS.

#### RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

##### EIGHT EXECUTIONS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Via Bombay, Jan. 3, 1.45 p.m.  
Reuter's Teheran correspondent states that it is reported from Tabriz that the Russians executed eight people, including Sikum Islam, who was considered to be implicated in the recent fighting. Two Russian regiments have left Kasvin for Resht.—(Reuter).

#### CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]  
Canton, Jan. 2.  
The first step towards the remodelling of the currency in the Kwangtung Province, has been taken by the authorities in Canton, and at an early date notes for 50-cents, \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$50, to the value of \$15,000,000 will be issued. Chan Chik-yu and Yang Sha-nam have been appointed president and vice-president of the bureau which is to supervise the printing and issue of these notes. The printing is to

still make it a practice to shoot persons who appear in the streets with shaven heads, alleging that persons who do this must be Imperialists. The Government to obviate further trouble of this kind has issued a proclamation levelled against the practice of head shaving and warning barbers against doing it for customers.

The prevalence of piracy along the Sikiang and the tributaries of the Pearl River has had the effect of raising the prices of commodities in Canton with the result that the nine Charitable Institutions have sent a petition of complaint to the Governor-General. The latter has ordered the military and naval authorities to give their prompt attention to the suppression of those banditti.

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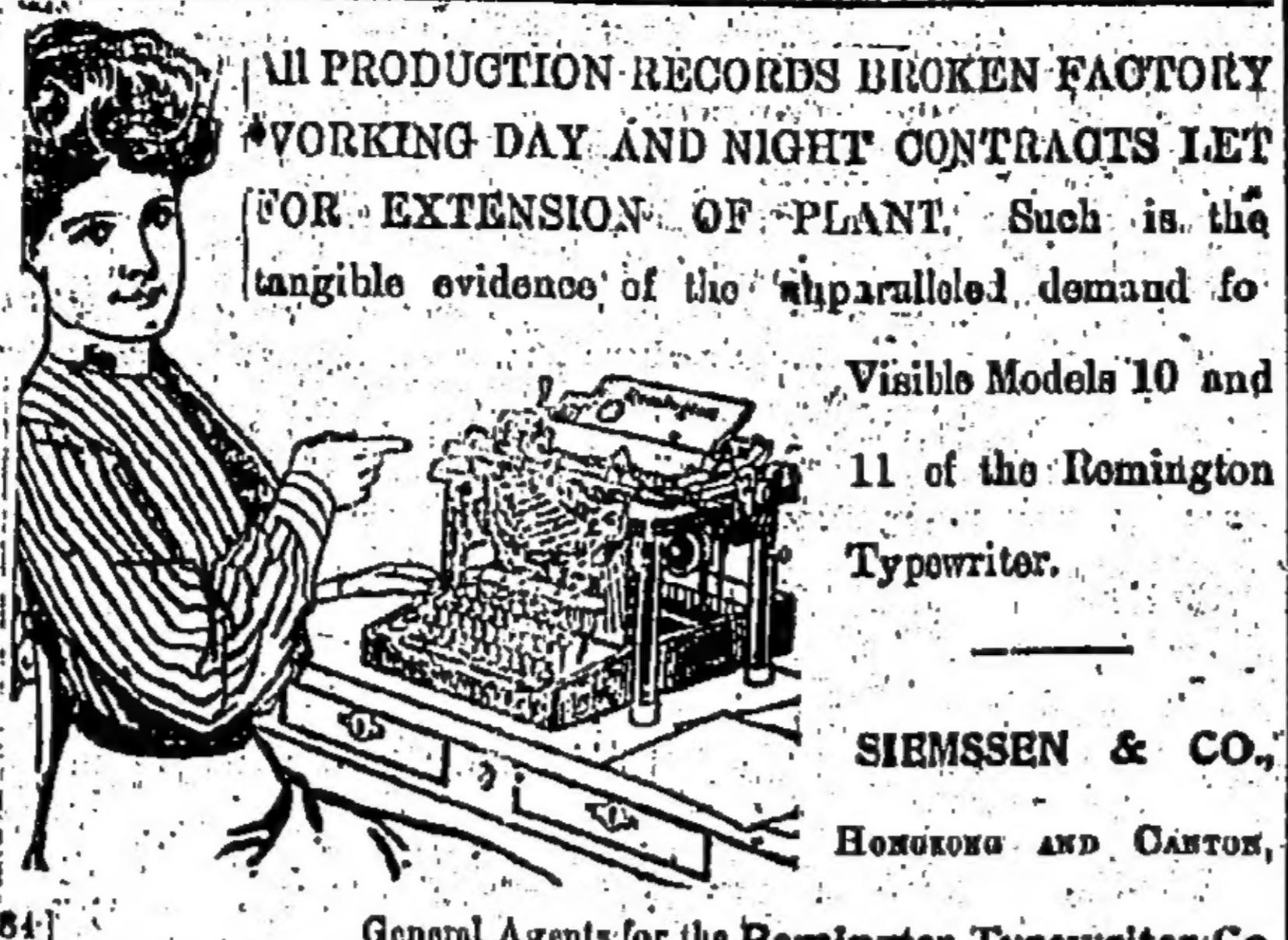
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#### WHAT THEY THINK.

Daily Press.

#### Unconcealed Pessimism.

The revolutionists have talked a lot about China as groaning under the tyranny and misrule of the House of Ch'ing, but what reforms have they to offer, beyond the abolition of an expensive Court, with its usual Oriental entourage? There has been talk of reducing taxes, but if that is done, where is the money to come from for the protection of the State and development of its railways and mineral resources?

Foreign loans would be the natural and best solution, but it should not be forgotten that the Hukung Railway Loan was the cause of the rising in Szechuan that led, indirectly, to the present struggle.

Nepotism and peculation have existed in every historic dynasty, and it would be Utopian to hope that they will be abolished by the ballot-box. If officials are to be honest and not to "squeeze," they must be paid adequate salaries, and where will the Government get funds for this purpose unless it first have honest men? We do not

conceal the fact that we are pessimistic about the future of the Chinese Republic, and that not only because we think a republican form of government is inherently unsuited to the Chinese character, but also because we are unable to see how the present Republican Government can hope to execute any general reforms or, with the one exception we have noted, rectify any abuses beyond what has been done or at least attempted by the Manchu Emperor.

South China Morning Post.

#### The Peace Fiasco.

It seems that to talk about peace is to provoke strife—in America, at any rate. The great banquet which was to achieve such wonders in cementing the bonds of international harmony was a hopeless failure, according to our good friend Reuter. President Taft duly delivered his speech—with police guards distributed in different parts of the room, and most of the prominent individuals invited represented only by notes of apology. Truly this was somewhat disconcerting for a peace dinner. "Big Bill" in this matter is being staunchly opposed by the previous occupant of the Presidential chair, Theodore Roosevelt, who is nothing if not blunt and inexorable, because he declared that the banquet was intended to overawe the Senate and make it support the Arbitration Treaty against its conscience. But if the Senators of the United States are amenable in matters of national import to roast mutton and after-dinner eloquence, we fear they are in a very bad way, and the sooner they receive notice to quit the better for their country.

The "curfew" rings in 3,000 American and Canadian towns.

The United Kingdom has about 25,000 newspapers.

The peach and plum are short-lived trees. The pear and apple are long-lived.

Four P. M. is the rainiest hour of the whole 24.

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## LORD SHOLTO DOUGLAS,

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## Pained and Shocked.

Having successfully carried on a small grocery business on First Avenue for several months with good prospects for the future, he was happy in the consciousness that he was making advances towards earning the coveted appellation. Consequently, when he bought a pink edition of the "Seattle Times" last night and saw that he was set down as hopelessly and irretrievably dead, he was pained and shocked, not to say annoyed and irritated.

Having duly thought it over, Lord Douglas decided he wouldn't stand for it. Consequently, this morning he was positive and even emphatic in his denials that he committed suicide. And just to prove that he knew what he was talking about, he yielded to the importunities of the first photographer who has captured him in sixteen years.

## Modest Human Violet.

Lord Douglas not only has been living quietly in Seattle for several months, but his whereabouts have been known to his brother, the Marquis of Queensberry and other relatives.

His identity was known to only a few in Seattle, including Mr. Bernard Polly, British Vice-Consul; Mrs. Peter D. Knapp, of 118 Twentieth Avenue North, and the "Times." All of those in possession of the fact of his presence here kept it quiet at Lord Douglas's request. Lord Douglas doesn't like the limelight a bit. In fact, he partakes of the nature of the shrinking and modest violet. But patience and modesty sometimes cease to be virtues, and Lord Douglas won't stand for being chronicled as dead.

Lord Douglas, during the time he has been in America, has been annoyed by the men who have impersonated him, and to that fact a large part of the publicity that occasionally has come his way is attributed. He thinks that the Maurice Stuart who committed suicide in New York was one of those men.

"Stuart is probably one of the men who have impersonated me in the United States," he said. "This impersonation has been most awkward for me. All sorts of stories have been tacked to my name, of which I have been entirely innocent."

**Sad Experience in Portland.**  
"Only three weeks after my arrival in Portland, Me., I was arrested and kept in jail in mistake for some lawbreaker who had assumed my name. I was absolutely unknown in Portland, and what could I do? When asked to establish my identity, it was impossible to do so for many days, and during that time I was kept in confinement."

Again in California—somebody who was masquerading under my family title caused me endless trouble and annoyance. The thing has happened all over the country, and I really suppose that Maurice Stuart, the New York suicide, impersonated me like the others."

Lady Douglas is a beautiful blonde. She also is averse to publicity.

"Though at present not as prosperous as we might wish to be," she said, "we are extremely happy except for the discomfort of occasional welcome publicity."

Lord Douglas has been in almost constant communication with his brother, the Marquis of Queensberry, in Chicago, and it is quite possible that the family soon may move to that city. He is interested in several old wells in California, and it is likely that they also may require his attention.

Lord Douglas, who for years was well known at Bakersfield, Cal., married Mary Mooney, the beautiful vaudeville artist, who created a sensation on the San Francisco stage. Two children were the result of the union, the elder now being educated in England. Lord Douglas received his education at one of the leading colleges in Scotland. He is about 40 years of age.

The discovery of Lord Douglas alive and well in Seattle still further increases the mystery surrounding the suicide of Stuart at the Hotel Astor. Stuart registered at the San Francisco residence. It was found Monday evening dead in his room from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the heart.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(Continued from Page 4.)

## King Alfonso's Aunt.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Infanta Eulalia, who has broken off all relations with King Alfonso, her nephew, because the King ordered her to suspend publication of her book, "A Fil de la Vie," has sent the following telegram to Senor Canalojas, the Spanish Prime Minister:—"I am awaiting punishment, but beg you (plural in Spanish—i.e., yourself and the King) to inform me as soon as possible what it is, as I wish to leave Paris and travel."

Regarding various statements made about her, the Princess declares that her appanage is not £10,000 but only £6,000 a year. The etiquette and restrictions of British Columbia were in the hands of whites; to-day they are altogether in the hands of Japanese fishermen, who number 10,500. These Japanese fishermen were mostly naval reservists, and that they are better without me. I think I am better out of it as I am misunderstood there, and that they are better without me." The book was published to-day.

## An Electrified Pool.

New York, Dec. 2.—Jacob Schelling, five-year-old son of Joseph Schelling, was playing with other boys in a lot at Atlantic and Ralph avenues, through which runs a spur of the Ralph avenue trolley line. One of the boys threw a piece of wire over the trolley wire, and as he let go of it the lower end swung into a pool of water, and electric flashes shot from the pool.

As the boys danced around the puddle the Schelling boy tripped and fell into the water. Flashes played around him and he screamed. Other boys tried to get hold of him and they received shocks and ran away.

Joseph Schelling ran from his home and jumped into the pool after the boy. As he caught up the child he staggered and dropped him. Policeman Wagg of the Brownsville station, had come up and knocked the dangling wire from the current wire with his club and picked up the child.

Dr. Fleming, who came from St. Mary's Hospital, said the little boy had been almost instantly killed. He thinks that the Maurice Stuart who committed suicide in New York was one of those men.

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**Princely Privileges.**  
London, Dec. 12.—Whether the Gaekwar of Baroda is liable to be cited as a respondent was debated yesterday before Mr. Justice Bargrave Denne, in connection with a suit asking for damages brought by Mr. Statham. The Gaekwar claims, according to the "Daily Mirror," that as the independent State ruler of an independent State he is immune. On the other hand, it is argued that he is under British suzerainty.

Counsel also sought the Court's permission that the citation should be served on somebody representing the Gaekwar, pointing out that access to him personally is denied.

His Lordship reserved judgment on both points.

## Liquid Evidence.

Atlanta, Dec. 1.—Jurors in cases involving the prohibition laws must not drink up all the evidence. The Court of Appeals issued this injunction in a decision handed down in the case of Morse vs. The State. In that same decision the court tells the judges of the lower courts that they can search the dictionaries and encyclopedias for all the high-sounding phrases they want to use in their charges, provided, of course, they explain in plain English so that jurors can understand just what they mean.

In the Morse case an exception was made by counsel to the court using this phrase in the charge: "Evidence may be autopsy preference."

On that point the Court of Appeals says:

"This court is very liberal in allowing the judges on the trial bench the privilege of big words."

As to drinking up the evidence, the Court of Appeals held that the jurors could be given liquor introduced as evidence to test by seeing, feeling and tasting, in order to determine if it was intoxicating, subject to the limitation that they must not drink such a quantity as that if it were intoxicating liquor it would make them drunk."

## Oriental Immigration.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Yesterday's most interesting event in the House of Commons was Mr. H. H. Stevens's speech. After reference to highways, terminal elevators and the proposed tariff commission, he discussed Oriental immigration.

Advertising to the Vancouver Chinese immigration frauds, he told how the head tax had been evaded. He himself has had two Chinese come into his office and offer him \$500 for the post of interpreter, which they assured him was very lucrative. The present Government has bequeathed to it a racial problem worse than the negro problem in the United States.

Ten years ago there were not 10,000 Japanese in British Columbia, now there were 25,000. Ten years ago the fisheries of British Columbia were in the hands of whites; to-day they are altogether in the hands of Japanese fishermen, who number 10,500. These Japanese fishermen were mostly naval reservists, and that they are better without me. I think I am better out of it as I am misunderstood there, and that they are better without me." The book was published to-day.

An incident was the nefarious system on which fishing licenses have been given out to dealers, who have fished them out. For example, Japanese have paid \$1,500 for licenses for which party hookers paid \$500 to the Government. Mr. Stevens suggested that inhabitants of Labrador be transferred to the British Columbian coast so as to supply a fishing population. Was it the intention of the late administration that Canada's navy should be manned by Japanese? For only by means of the fishing population could the merchant marine and navy be supplied.

The Hon. Mr. Lemieux asked if the number of Japanese had materially increased within the last two or three years.

"Yes," replied Mr. Stevens, who asserted that the Laurier Government by refusing to pass legislation on lines of the Natal Act, as expressly suggested by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and by assenting to the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty without reserving control over immigration, and disallowing the Provincial Exclusion Acts, had caused difficulty.

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At the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese was charged by Inspector Kerr with the larceny from the person, of a few copper cents and with being in unlawful possession of an offensive weapon—a knife for the purpose of cutting pockets. On the first charge he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and 24 strokes of the cat, and on the second to 14 days.

Indignation in Calcutta concerning the change of the capital to Delhi is still growing, and stocks and shares are greatly affected. Government P. or has dropped eleven annas in two days, which is a record. The shares of land companies have seriously depreciated. The papers publish slabs of letters from indignant citizens; and the "Erlishman" demands that both Lord Hardinge and all his Ministers be made responsible for proposing this stupendous act of folly.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

In our leading article yesterday we took leave to doubt whether the Imperial Decree of December 28, might be accepted at its face value and whether the concession made to the revolutionaries was bona fide. Hours after that article was written came a piece of significant news. Yuan Shih-kai has obtained from the Empress Dowager, the sum of three million taels. That is a concession to the Imperial Army, which is clamouring for money, and is as important as any that has been made, or paper, to the revolutionaries. It indicates that Yuan Shih-kai does not yet feel that all is over. He is not the man to advise the Dowager-Empress to disgorge a considerable sum merely to prop a tottering dynasty for a little while longer, nor is the Dowager-Empress likely to part with a few million taels except she is convinced that the speculation has a reasonable chance of proving profitable.

The Throne may appear to grovel, the dynasty may appear to be doomed, but it seems as clear as anything can be in China, which is not saying anything really definite, that Yunnan and the Throne entertain hopes of saving something of value out of the fire. The North of China is not yet captured and is not likely to be for some time to come. Yuan Shih-kai no doubt sees that the revolutionary leaders have a much harder task to face than the taking of Peking. That, of itself, may not prove easy for an army financially crippled, but the business of restoring order in the provinces forming the new Republic, of getting the wheels of trade again smoothly into motion, is much more serious and important. If order is not to be restored until after the fall of Peking—and that may prove a protracted affair—if chaos and anarchy have to spread to the north before they are grappled with elsewhere, the outlook is grim enough in all conscience.

The longer disorder prevails, the more difficult it is to quell; and it seems safe to prophesy that the revolutionary leaders cannot successfully address themselves simultaneously to the tasks of capturing the North of China for the Republic and of securing harmony and trade success in the provinces that have already gone over. If, as seems certain, the sagacious Yuan anticipates this difficulty, what is the end towards which he is working? Is he hopeful even yet of saving the Throne in the revolution of feeling which may attend general unsettlement and stagnation of trade? He can never expect to save for the Throne its former power, but some kind of limited monarchy he may have in view. Quite as likely is it—as we pointed out yesterday—that he anticipates, in the hour of seeming ruin, a call for a man to save China, anticipated, too, that the man will be Yuan Shih-kai. The situation is as delicate now as it ever has been, and he is a clever or a lucky man who can estimate the possibilities with reasonable accuracy.

## CLUB BOYS REVOLT.

## Refuse to Obey Orders.

The spirit of independence that has been manifesting itself among many classes of Chinese employees has affected the "boys" employed at the Hongkong Club and five of their number were in consequence brought up at the Magistracy this afternoon.

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The case was proceeding as we went to press.

## A MADMAN'S SUICIDE.

Yesterday a strange scene was witnessed at Yaumai which culminated in a Chinese committing suicide. It appears that the man went suddenly mad and running quickly to his house, barricaded himself in a room. His neighbours alarmed by his conduct tried to persuade him through the door, to let them in. He refused to do so, and the police were sent for; but he declined to open, even for them. Then a person climbing to the window of the room witnessed a strange sight. The man sat on a bed, with an axe at his side, in the act of cutting his throat. A warning was given to the others who burst in through the door; but too late. The man was then unconscious and died a few minutes later.

## LORD SHOLTO DOUGLAS.

## Denies His Death.

Seattle, Nov. 10.—Lord Sholto Douglas places little credence in the reports that he committed suicide in the Hotel Astor, New York City. In fact, the general trend of his conversation this morning seemed to indicate that he believed reports of his death to be greatly exaggerated. Of course, being English, the immortal words of Mark Twain did not occur to Lord Douglas, but he was willing to go so far as to deny emphatically that he is dead. He is driven to the conclusion that Mrs. Mary Noble, of Oakland, Cal., who identified Maurice Stuart, the mysterious suicide, as himself, must have been mistaken.

It was several months ago that Lord Douglas, after carefully looking over Seattle, decided that it was a live city and that the people whom he saw passing up and down the streets and were pointed out to him as business men were live ones. He concluded that if he settled down here and embarked in business himself he might also be truthfully denominated a live one. (Continued on Page 3.)

## MADAME MIQUEL ALZIEU.

## Great Pianist to Visit Hongkong.

This lady, who is an accomplished pianist, and has made many concert tours throughout Europe and specially in England, is coming out to join in Japan, Jan. Kubelik, the great violinist, whom also is to meet there. On her way through India and the East, Mme. Miquel-Alzieu will give concerts, for which arrangements have already been made. This week she appeared at Bombay, giving a recital on Jan. 2, at the Residence of the Governor of Bombay, before leaving for Calcutta, where she gives two concerts. Thence she proceeds to Kapatthala to play in the Maharajah's palace. Thereafter three concerts at Colombo, prior to coming on to Singapore, in the first week of February.

Mme. Miquel-Alzieu is due in Hongkong in April next, and will appear at the City Hall, prior to her departure for Japan.

## COLONIAL GOVERNOR-SHIPS.

## Claims of the Colonial Civil Service.

Sir Frank Swettenham sends the following letter to the "Times" on the subject of the disposal of appointments to Colonial Governorships:

"On July 14 last, in the House of Commons Colonel Seely read the reply of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to a question put to him regarding the recent appointment to the Governorship of Mauritius.

The reply stated that it was true that a military officer holding the rank of major had been appointed to the office of Governor of Mauritius, and Mr. Harcourt had added: "It must be understood that a Governorship lies quite outside of the ordinary course of promotion in the Colonial Service."

## The Best available Men.

Every one in these islands must be interested in the selection of the best available men for the responsible posts of Governors of British Colonies; but, as Governors are few, while Colonial Civil servants are many, it is specially necessary that the high standard of that service should be maintained and the legitimate aspirations of its members should not be discouraged. For many years the services of the Eastern Colonies have been recruited from candidates who pass successfully the same severe examination as that prescribed for the Home and Indian Civil Services. These men naturally succeed to the highest permanent posts in Great Britain and India, and there is no reason to suppose that they would not be equally successful as Colonial Governors. Where they have been given the opportunity they have already proved that this is the case. Is there, then, any sufficient reason to ignore the claims of members of an important service, who have proved their capacity and gained the most valuable experience of Colonial affairs and the management of coloured races, in favour of military officers, or others, with no such training or experience? The question is a very serious one, and it is remarkable that no public protest has yet been made in the interests of a body of men who must perform keep silence, but to whom the nation is far more deeply indebted than is at all realized.

## Aggravating the Case.

The practice of putting men outside the Colonial Service into important Colonial posts is not now, but that only aggravates the case. Without labouring the point, it is sufficient to mention that the last four holders of the office of Secretary to the Colonial Defence Committee, all of them soldiers, have been thrust straight from that office into the highest posts in the Colonial Service. Major Chancellor, R.E., the new Governor of Mauritius, who obtained his military majority last year, is the latest of these appointments, whilst the others have held Governorships in Australia, Hongkong, Natal, and the Gold Coast, and Colonial Secretariats in Cyprus and Malta.

Mr. Harcourt did not ask Colonel Seely to say that there are no men in the regular Colonial Service capable and experienced enough to fill such offices as these; he simply laid it down that "a Governorship lies quite outside the ordinary course of promotion in the Colonial Service." Unfortunately that seems to be only too true; but I write to ask you, Sir, why this most unmerited slur should be cast on the members of the Colonial Service.

## The Narrow Gate.

It is not only that the men who enter the Colonial Service early, by the narrow gate of severe competitive examination, are to stand aside for military officers, who have been educated at Woolwich and elsewhere to perform entirely different duties, but this dictum—that Governorships stand apart—opens the door to every kind of robbery and corruption. If war should break out again, the North must inevitably become the scene of hostilities, which can only result in even that opening being closed in order that he may be called in to repair to Government House.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

## Raising the Wind.

That the Court at Peking is short of funds is generally known, and the frantic efforts made to raise money have been described from time to time by Reuter's Agency and other purveyors of news. Recently the ingenious scheme of floating a patriotic loan was decided upon. On Dec. 20 these bonds to the total value of \$30,000,000 were made available for subscription. We do not propose to publish the full prospectus; as we believe that there is no uncontrollable desire on the part of local residents to become possessors of these bonds, but it may be mentioned that they carry interest of six per cent, and are redeemable in nine years. The most interesting part of the prospectus is the supplement, which sets out, among other things, the rewards to be given to those who purchase additional bonds. These rewards consist of "tablets of Imperial writing" and gold medals ranging from the 3rd class to the 1st grade of the 3rd class, according to the value of additional bonds taken up. Government officials are supposed to devote a certain percentage of their incomes to buying bonds and the last two paragraphs of the Supplement must be of special interest to those individuals. They read:—"Those who make false reports and purchase an insufficient share shall be made to purchase a double share. Those who refuse to purchase shall be made to purchase a double share and fined duly." This financial expedient may be expected to raise the wind—in fact to create a storm.

## England's Victory.

The second test match is over and honours are even. The M.C.C. team, after losing the toss, has won handsomely by eight wickets. Foster was very successful with the ball in the second innings; but, then, Foster has time and again proved himself a young cricketing genius who rises to a big occasion with bat or ball, or both. It is good to read that Hobbs played a superb and flawless innings of 126 unbroken. Hobbs has based his style on that of Tom Hayward, and save Reginald Spooner, who is all easy grace and elegance, no batsman in England is better worth watching. He did famously well in South Africa, but fell off quite a deal on his return to England last season. Now that he has found his best form he should give Australian bowlers some work and Australian spectators some enjoyable hours. He is Hayward at his best, only scoring a bit faster. Those who have seen Hayward know what that means. There are others in the team who should be good for good scores nearly every time, and England has more than an outside chance of securing the necessary two of the next three games. The third test commences at Adelaide on January 12.

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## TRADE IN CHINA.

## The following is from the "N. G. Daily News" of Dec. 30:—

The year just closing will pass without regrets, 'on low in China will be grateful or thankful for what it has brought them. No doubt its predecessors—especially 1910, the year of the rubber boom—are responsible for much of the misery that made itself felt in the lifetime of 1911. But

sunrise, plague, floods and last of all, a political revolution, unprecedented in magnitude in China, are a few of the blessings that 1911 has brought us. Never was tension so great, and never have there been such anxious times for China trade.

## Criminals at Government House.

Singapore is chockling in a mild way over the discovery, notwithstanding the fact that a criminal in the uniform of a man in a suit of Government House. To make assurance doubly sure a policeman was sent up to the gubernatorial residence and he confirmed the fact. The authorities were warned and at the same time another poor man, who was believed to be a man with eleven convictions, was caught after. He, however, was off duty at the time, but the police got time for identification later on, for that very poor man was caught the night in the act of burgling a house. If this sort of thing continues the step taken by Singapore detective when he is put on a "case" will be to repair to Government House.

With the tantalizing prospect of peace constantly being dangled in its face, the trade is at an extreme pitch of nervous tension. The erratic trade and deliveries mentioned in these columns have continued, but the merchants are afraid to venture even to a very small extent. The expectation of peace has led to hopeful feeling in the market, and as a consequence clearances have been satisfactory and inquiries plentiful. But with the hopes of peace constantly deferred, the net result for trade has been nothing but disappointment.

What little revival has taken place has been in our trade with the North, where there is still a semblance of authority and consequently security for trade.

The South and most portions of Central China are, in a state of practical anarchy, except the towns where the merchants seem to be playing politics rather than plying the usual, everyday trade of commerce. If war should break out again, the North must inevitably become the scene of hostilities, which can only result in even that opening being closed in order that he may be called in to repair to Government House.



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Next Sailings from Hongkong :

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. "Amelia" ..... 19th Jan.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. "Dortmund" ..... 13th Jan.

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Sagora" ..... 23rd Jan.

For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "Silesia" ..... 2nd Feb.

For Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Saibis" ..... 3rd Fe.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "Saxonia" ..... 16th Feb.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,

Hongkong Office.

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Novelty in Yachts.

A special ocean-yacht for cruising only has been built by Messrs. Hayland and Wolff for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

This twin-screw steamer, called the Arcadian, is to be devoted entirely to luxurious passenger accommodation. No cargo hatches will interfere with the promenade deck, over 50ft. in length, which runs uninterrupted from stem to stern, a feature impossible in an ordinary liner. All the public rooms are on this deck, and, therefore, most accessible. All the bed rooms have separate bedsteads instead of the usual berths. There are also a tiled swimming bath, 35ft. long, with dressing rooms attached and a covered gymnasium. The galleried dining saloon occupies the whole height of two decks, and is furnished with a triple row of lofty windows, a new departure in marine construction.

The Arcadian was to leave Southampton on January 3 for the tourist service to the West Indies, and between New York and Bermuda. During next summer she will make a series of cruises from the British Isles to the Norwegian Fjords, North Cape, and Northern capitals of Europe.

Panama Canal.

The scheme for lighting the Panama Canal has been prepared and adopted. It contemplates the use of range lights for establishing the direction on the longer tangents and of sidelights spaced about a mile apart to mark each side of the channel. A light and fog signal is to be on the west breakwater in Limon Bay, and gas and nun buoys will be placed to mark the channel to the four dry docks. Three types of lighted beacons will be used, built of reinforced concrete.

The project contemplates the construction of thirty-four tower beacons, fifty-seven beacons, fifty-seven gas buoys, seventy-six spar buoys and seven nun buoys. Colored targets for marking the ranges where lights are not used for fixing the location of the gas buoys will also be erected. The sailing lines marked by the range lights, except at the entrances to the canal, will be so placed that all ships will follow a course 125 feet to their starboard of the axis of the canal; thus two passing ships, if on their ranges, will have the centre lines 250 feet apart.

When the herring season is at its height about 6,000 miles of net are set nightly in the North Sea.

An asbestos mine near Lowell, Mass., gives promise of producing 100 tons per day.

The bulk of the money for building St. Paul cathedral was obtained from a duly authorized Port of London.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration).

## COMMERCIAL.

## Japanese Foreign Trade.

The "Nippon" says that the bulk of foreign trade at the end of November was over 883,000,000 yen, showing the increase of 46,000,000 yen as compared with the amount experienced in the corresponding period of last year. Of this, the imports have increased by 51,600,000 yen in comparison with last year, while the exports have decreased by 10,800,000 yen. The excess of imports has amounted to over 65,700,000 yen, the specie currency exported amounting to 21,700,000 yen. The phenomena are totally disheartening, especially because it is Japan's weak point that the specie reserve abroad is always on the decrease. The journal further observes that the increase of trade amounting to over 40,000,000 yen this year is chiefly due to the increase of imports anticipatory of the revised tariff and in the optimistic forecasts as to the financial condition of the country that were made at the beginning of the year. Of the anticipatory imports, machineries of various kinds are the foremost in amount, or 23,400,000 yen at the end of November, and the increase in this category as compared with last year being over 10,000,000 yen. There was also an increase of about the same amount in iron goods. As to exports, all articles have fallen, with the exception of raw silk, which increased by about 800,000 yen. Of course, this may be largely due to the general depression of the world's markets, but it cannot be denied that the evil lies in the ever increasing tendency of the cost of production in this country.

The journal points out that a conspicuous feature in this year's foreign trade is the sudden increase of the imports of rice. The fact is that the crop was bad last year. The Department of Agriculture and Commerce had estimated it to be about 46,000,000 koku, but from reliable authority the journal learns that the actual harvest was no more than 42,000,000 koku. Therefore, the price of rice has seen an extraordinary rise this year and even necessitated Government intervention in rice transactions. It has consequently proved that the importation of foreign rice has amounted to about 9,000,000 yen, while the exports of the Japanese grain has seen a decrease of about 450,000 yen as against last year. The journal ascribes the phenomenon to the adverse condition of the harvest.

A popular vote taken in Paris officially was overwhelmingly in favour of the death penalty.

Juvenile smoking has greatly increased lately, and its effect will be most noticeable on the next generation.

The River Jordan is said to be the most rambling stream known. It winds 213 miles in covering a distance of 60 miles.

In one year 526 men were killed by accidents of employment in Allegheny county, Pa., alone, 195 steel workers, 125 railroaders, 71 miners and 135 miscellaneous workers. Of these nearly half were American-born, 70 per cent were workmen of skill and training and 80 per cent were under 30 years of age.

## SHARE REPORT.

B-SELLERS. B-PALE. B-BUTTERS.

	STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE BANKS	CLOSING CLOSSES	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE In Liquidation	Selling
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$872	Interim dividend of 42 per share at exchange 1/9/11—\$22.82 for 1 year ending 20th June 1911.	T/1... 1/10/8 Demand 1/10/7/11 80 cts. 1/10/10 60 cts. 1/10/6/11 4 mrs. 1/10/5 T/T. Shanghai 74 T/T. Singapor 75 T/T. Japan 91 T/T. India 1/10 Demand. Indi 1/9/11 T/T. San Francisco and New York 1/10 1. I. Asia 1/10 T/T. Marks 101 T/T. France 1/10 Buyng 1/10
National Banks MARINE INSURANCES	\$5	\$10	\$16 for 1910	4 mrs. L/C 1/10 4 mrs. D 1/11 8 mrs. L/C 1/11 30 cts. Sydney & Melbourne 1/11 30 cts. San Francisco & New York 1/10 1 mrs. Marks 1/10 1 mrs. France 1/10 6 mrs. do 1/10 Bar Silver ready 20/5/10
Cantons	\$50	\$180 b.	Interim of 10/- for 1910	1/10/10 Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1910
North China	\$5	\$145		1/10/10
Unions	\$100	\$835 b.		1/10/10
Yangtze	\$50	\$212		1/10/10
FIRE INSURANCES			\$12 for 1909 and Int. of \$3 on account of 1910	1/10/10
China Fires	\$20	\$123	\$7 & b's of \$2 for 1909	1/10/10
Hongkong Fires	\$50	\$865 b.	\$27 for 1909	1/10/10
SHIPPING.			\$1 for 1900	1/10/10
China & Manilas	\$20	\$10 b.	6 p.c. for year end 30-6-11	1/10/10
Dongji Steamships	\$50	\$21	Dividend of \$12 for half year ending 30-6-11	1/10/10
Steamboats	\$15	\$27 b.	1/10/10	1/10/10
Indo-Chinas (Preferred)	40	\$60 a.	1/10/10	1/10/10
(Deferred)			1/10/10	1/10/10
"Shell" Transport	\$1	\$60		1/10/10
"Star Ferry"	\$10	\$27 b.	1/10/10	1/10/10
REFINERIES	\$5	\$17 b.		1/10/10
China Sugars	\$100	\$100		1/10/10
Luzon Sugars	\$100	\$11 b.		1/10/10
Mining				1/10/10
Chinese Engineering	\$1	\$14		1/10/10
Troncs	\$1	68 b.		1/10/10
Rambo	\$1	\$3.85 ss.		1/10/10
Docks, Wharves, & Godowns				1/10/10
Kowloon Wharfs	\$50	\$66		1/10/10
H. K. & W. P. Docks	\$50	\$45 b.		1/10/10
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 100	T. 57		1/10/10
Lands, Hotels & T. 100	T. 100	T. 80		1/10/10
Anglo French Lands T. 100	T. 100	T. 94 b.		1/10/10
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$119		1/10/10
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$75		1/10/10
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$101 b.		1/10/10
Kowloon Lands	\$80	\$29		1/10/10
Shanghai Lands	T. 80	T. 93		1/10/10
West Points	\$50	\$49 b.		1/10/10
Macis M'pole Hotel P. 10	P. 10	P. 9.50 a.		1/10/10
COTTON MILLS				1/10/10
Ewan	T. 50	T. 83		1/10/10
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	\$4.50		1/10/10
China-Borneo	\$12	\$10		1/10/10
Light and Power	\$10	\$1.10		1/10/10
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$1.10		1/10/10
China Providents	\$10	\$1		1/10/10
Daily Farms	\$6	\$205 a.		1/10/10
Green Islands	\$10	\$8.50 b.		1/10/10
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$214 s.		1/10/10
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$205 ss. & b.		1/10/10
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$18		1/10/10
Lungkats	5. 10	T. 70		1/10/10
Morning Post	\$25	\$25		1/10/10
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$11.50 b.		1/10/10
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1.10		1/10/10
Philippines	\$10	\$5 b.		1/10/10
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12 b.		1/10/10
Soctie de Preferred Stock	\$50	\$50		1/10/10
Papierstrie				1/10/10
du Tonks	Benefit	\$400		1/10/10
Shanghai-Sumatra	T. 20	T. 102		1/10/10
Stem Laundry	\$5	\$62		1/10/10
United Asbestos Orien-				1/10/10
tal Agency, Id.....	\$10	\$12		1/10/10
United Asbestos				1/10/10
Founders Shares ...	\$10	\$300		1/10/10
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$7.50 s. b.		1/10/10
Weissmann, Ltd.	\$10	\$15 b.		1/10/10
Watson	\$10	\$42 ss. a. & b.		1/10/10
Williams Powell				1/10/10

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THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, SOUTHERN AMERICA PORTS.

THE Steamship

DEVANHA Captain W. R. Hickie, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1912, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Mojito," 6,500 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for

France, Tea and cargo for London (under arrangement) will be shipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &amp;c., will be conveyed via. Bombay by the s.s. "Oceana," due in London on the 17th February, 1912.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 28th Dec. 1911.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI

THE Steamship

"JAPAN" Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., at 1 p.m.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (occupying 20 days).

The Steamers leave about every 2 weeks for Shanghai, and Kobe (Inland Sea), returning via Moji, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return tickets are available by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamers. Fare for round trip \$120.

For freight or passage, apply to DAVID SASOON &amp; CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 3rd Jan. 1912.

Regular Steamship Service to New York, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Malibon Coast).

FOR BOSTON &amp; NEW YORK

S.S. "DAORE" (Sailing on or CASTLE" about 12th Jan. '12

For freight and further information, apply to DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 21st Dec. 1911.

CHINESE ENGINEERING and MINING COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-HONGKONG-TIEN-TSIN LINE

THE Steamship

"ONHANG" will sail on or about the 27th Jan. 1912, taking cargo for Tientsin, via Chia-Wang-Tso.

For freight and passage apply to THE CHINESE ENGINEERING &amp; MINING CO., LTD., Queen's Building, DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 2nd Jan. 1912.

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## POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The a.s. Empress of India, with the Canadian and Siberian Mails, is due to arrive here to-morrow w.

A Mail will close for:

Hoihow and Haiphong (taking Mail for Pakhoi)—Per Singan, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

Saigon—Per Thonon, 5th Jan., 9 A.M.

Swatow—Per Haian, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

Pakhoi (by courtesy of the Commandant)—Per S.M.S. Jaguar, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

American Mail—Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco—Per Persia, 5th Jan., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 5th Jan., 1.15 P.M.

Saigon—Per Mario, 5th Jan., 8 P.M.

Moji—Per Kaisoku-maru, 5th Jan., 4 P.M.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya, and Macassar—Per

Tjitaroen, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calenta—Per

Lisang, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

Europe & India via TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. to no Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 5th Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Devanah, 5th Jan., 11 A.M.

Macau, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sang, 5th Jan., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 5th Jan., 1.15 P.M.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Delta, 6th Jan., 3 P.M.

Swatow and Delli—Per Johanne, 6th Jan., 5 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy, and Shanghai—Per Kueichow, 6th Jan., 5 P.M.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anhui, 6th Jan., 6 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Huiyan, 7th Jan., 9 A.M.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 8th Jan., 1.15 P.M.

Shanghai—Per Huiyung, 8th Jan., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Japan, 9th Jan., noon.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kelong, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.

Tintau, Weihaiwei and Chefoo—Per Kiukiang, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Zafiro, 10th Jan., 3 P.M.

Europe & India via TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail).—Per Prince Ludwig, 10th Jan., 11 A.M.

Shanghai—Per Chenan, 11th Jan., 9 P.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calenta—Per

A. Apar, 12th Jan., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Korea, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per Capri, 13th Jan., 11 A.M.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Linan, 13th Jan., 6 P.M.

Europe & India via TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail).—Per Oldenland, 16th Jan., 11 A.M.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## MAIL DUE.

English—Delta, 6th Inst.  
German—Gulen, 11th Inst.  
American—China, 23rd Inst.

The a.s. Tenyo Maru sailed from Nagasaki on the 3rd Inst., for San Francisco. The a.s. Nippon Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 2nd Inst., for San Francisco.

The A. & M. Line a.s. Kariong passed the Suez Canal on the 29th ult., and is due here on the 28th inst.

The a.s. Buyn Maru sailed from Concepcion, Chile, for Hongkong, on the 3rd Inst., and is due on the 26th March.

The a.s. A. Apar from Shanghai and Kobe left Moji yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on the 8th Inst.

The a.s. Kyo Maru sailed from Honolulu on the 1st Inst., for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive on the 3rd prox.

The a.s. Hongkong Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 20th ult., for South American Ports via Honolulu and Mexico.

The a.s. Shinyo Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 2nd Inst., for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive on the 9th Inst.

The a.s. Chiyu Maru will be despatched from San Francisco on the 10th Inst., for Hongkong, and is due on the 6th prox.

## ARRIVALS.

JOHANNESBURG, INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. to no Extra Postage 10 cents). Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 5th Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per

Devanah, 5th Jan., 11 A.M.

SWATOW, AMERICA—Per

Lisang, 5th Jan., 10 A.M.

ENGLISH MAIL—Per

Wing-sang, 5th Jan., 1 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI—Per Japan, 9th Jan., noon.

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TINTAU, WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO—Per Kiukiang, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.

MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO—Per Zafiro, 10th Jan., 3 P.M.

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## VESSELS IN PORT.

## STEAMERS.

Benzidrich, Br. a.s. 2,118, D. T.

Caley, 1st Jan.—Dalmat 25th Dec.

Childar, Br. a.s. 1,102, H. Nikko,

1st Jan.—Bangkok 21st Dec.

Sutorin 31st Dec., Gu-

T. & Co.

Daiya, Manj. a.s. 1,785, K.

Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Wa-

lambour, 21st Dec., Coal—

M. B. K.

Dorwent, Br. a.s. 1,562, J. Jenkins

31st Dec.—Swatow 30th Dec.

Doj, Gen.—Man Fat & Co.

Fausang, Br. a.s. 1,410, H. S. Mal-

kin, 26th Dec.—Longy